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MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP (AC-296)

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SUMMARY: THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC
WARFARE TRAINING SERVICES MET ON JULY 27 TO EXCHANGE NATION-
AL POSITIONS ON THE PROPOSAL OFFERED BY CANADA AT THE PRE-
VIOUS MEETING (REFTEL). THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE COULD
NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND, AFTER EXTENDED DISCUSSION,
THE CHAIRMAN ASKED GERMANY TO CONSIDER THE CONCEPT OF NO-
TIONAL FUNDING IN LIEU OF SERVICES AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR
ACTUAL PAYMENT. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE'S STATE-
MENT THAT HIS AUTHORITIES COULD NOT ACCEPT UK ELECTRONIC
WARFARE (EW) TRAINING SERVICES TO UK AIR DEFENSE REGIONS
AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR AN MBC FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION. GERMANY
FEELS THAT A COMMON EFFORT, SHARED BY ALL, MUST BE FUNDED
BY ALL. THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE REPLIED, POINTING OUT

THAT CANADA DID NOT FAVOR THE FUNDING ARRANGEMENT UNDER DISCUSSION AND WOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY OF THE EW TRAINING SERVICES TO BE OBTAINED BUT, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE SERVICES, WAS WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO COMMON FUNDING IF THE UK WOULD MAKE A COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF COMMON FUNDING (PARA 5 AND 6 OF REFTEL). THE UK REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT HIS COUNTRY COULD ACCEPT THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL AND ASKED IF THE FRG COULD ALSO ACCEPT IT. THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE REPEATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR THE UK AND THIS RESPONSE DREW CRITICISM FROM THE CHAIRMAN OVER GERMANY'S "LACK OF COOPERATIVE SPIRIT."

2. DISCUSSION TURNED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF "NOTIONAL" FUNDING, I.E., A SCHEME IN WHICH UK EW SERVICES WOULD BE BILLED AT EXACTLY THE UK COMMON FUNDING SHARE AND WOULD NOT BE SUBJECTED TO NORMAL NATO AUDIT PROCEDURES. IN RESPONSE TO A BELGIAN INQUIRY, THE UK STATED THAT IT WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE A NOTIONAL BILL FOR ITS EW SERVICES BUT THAT SUCH A BILL WOULD NOT CONTAIN DETAIL NECESSARY FOR A RIGID AUDIT. THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AT THE UK'S INABILITY TO PROVIDE BETTER COST DATA BUT CONSIDERED THE CONCEPT OF A NOTIONAL BILL AS A STEP FORWARD. THE NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT THE UK AND FRG HOLD HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS TO DEVELOP A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT.

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3. THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE REMINDED THE GROUP THAT TIME WAS SHORT AND, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULED TRAINING THIS FALL, SHAPE WOULD BEGIN TO TAKE ALL PREPARATORY STEPS, SHORT OF COMMITTING FUNDS. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THE FRG TO CONSIDER THE ACCEPTABILITY OF NOTIONAL FUNDING AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD CIRCULATE A DRAFT REPORT TO THE COUNCIL, BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE AD HOC GROUP.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO THE AHG MEETING, THE GERMAN DEFAD (SCHUENEMANN) CONTACTED USDEFAD (LEGERE) TO EXPRESS CONCERN THAT GERMANY IS ISOLATED IN ITS POSITION AND TO SOLICIT US SUPPORT. LEGERE AGREED ONLY TO "SEE WHAT HE COULD DO." WE HAVE SINCE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH THE UK AND GERMANY. WE NOW BELIEVE THAT GERMANY WILL ACCEPT THE CONCEPT OF NOTIONAL FUNDING PROVIDED ADEQUATE CONTROLS ARE IMPOSED ON THE UK TO ASSURE THAT IT IN FACT PROVIDES AN EQUITABLE LEVEL OF TRAINING SERVICES.

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